

The cane fields throughout the parish suffered immensely. The cane having been, and still being, laid flat on the ground, almost

everywhere. The knowing ones say that 750 thousand hogsheads of sugar less will be made here.

Present from the Prince to the Cathedral.

The *Labrec Chronicle* of Friday says: Yesterday morning, Major General Brind

transmitted to the Lord Bishop of Quebec, as a token from His Royal Highness in the shape of a Bible, bearing upon the fly-leaf, the following inscription :

"To the Cathedral of Quebec, in memory of Sunday, August 19th, 1860.

ALBERT EDWARD."

The inscription is in the handwriting of His Royal Highness. The book is magnificently bound, and bears the arms and crest of the giver upon the cover. We feel certain that this interesting memorial of the Royal visit will be appreciated by its present possessor.

Several Irish laboring men were trying the other day to decipher a notice, headed, "public sale;" the notice was written, and not very plainly at that, and so could not be read by the Emeralds, and they requested us to read it for them, which we did. At the conclusion one of them turned to him

comrades and remarked in a very impressive tone, "Well, by jabsers, I'll never buy of a man who is so naguredly that he won't get his advertisements printed; he's chated the printer and he'd chate me." They all acquiesced in his decision.

Agricultural.

THE NEGLECT OF FRUIT TREES.

18 travelling about the country this summer, we have been especially interested and

that we have been primarily impressed with the fact that the majority of farmers sadly neglect their fruit orchards. Where one orchard is properly managed, ten are shamefully neglected. "Bad culture," did we say? No—*culture* would be nearer the truth. Look at that orchard of young trees set out six or seven years since. They are not yet half-

several years since. There is not a thrifty, healthy looking tree among them! Many are dead, some dying, and all are sickly and unproductive. It is a sad sight. "Were the trees unhealthy when set out, or are they poor varieties, or is the climate too severe?" Not at all. Other orchards in the neighborhood are healthy, productive and a source of pride.

are merely, propagating, and a source of profit to their owners. It is bad management; the entire absence of good culture. The trees were stuck out in small holes dug in a wheat field, and left to live or die, as it might chance. Since then the field has been in grass or grain; the orchard has received less culture than almost any other part of the farm, from

the idea probably that the trees would take care of themselves. This man is a subscriber of the *Genesee Farmer*, but we are ashamed of him. We hope none of his neighbors see him take the paper out of the post-office. Can't we persuade you, FRIEND FRUITLESS, to do something with that orchard? We

should prefer to see it cut up, root and branch; but, if this is asking too much, do cut out all the dead and dying limbs; put the plow into the soil this fall and give it a good summer-fallowing next season. You have little manure to spare, (we *may* be mistaken on this point, inasmuch as the dark pools in the barn-

yard indicate that it is not very carefully preserved) but if you *could* spare a little, it would do the trees no harm. Suppose you try a little? At all events, do *something* for that orchard. Your corn looks well. It has been properly cultivated. You plowed the land well and deep, and the horse-doe has been

freely used, keeping the soil clean and mellow. The crop will be good and does you credit. You cultivated your potatoes well, the land is very clean, and you have a good crop. You put in your wheat last fall on a good summer-fallow. You provided what TULL calls a good "pasture" for the roots to

tree in, and your heart gladdened a bountiful harvest. Can not you take a hint from these results? Cultivate your trees half as well as you cultivate your corn, and your orchard would be a credit to you.

Fruit trees are set out by millions every year. The nurserymen of this city alone

send out each year a million dollars' worth of fruit trees and other nursery stock. As a rule, the trees sent out are healthy and good; and yet how small a proportion ever live to bear fruit, or make profitable orchards!—The principal cause of this is the want of precious preparation of the ground. Farmers will not take pains to prepare the soil properly before planting trees. They will not dig out the roots of weeds and grasses, and burn them, and then dig the soil over, and mix it with lime, and manure, and other fertilizers, and then plant the trees. They will not dig out the roots of weeds and grasses, and burn them, and then dig the soil over, and mix it with lime, and manure, and other fertilizers, and then plant the trees. They will not dig out the roots of weeds and grasses, and burn them, and then dig the soil over, and mix it with lime, and manure, and other fertilizers, and then plant the trees.

men will take pains to prepare their land for wheat and other grain crops; but fruit trees intended for a permanent orchard, and involving considerable expense in their purchase, are set out, with little thought or care, on land which has received no adequate preparation. Subsequent culture may do something towards correcting this first and grand mistake.

Let all our readers, then, who intend to set out trees this fall, get the ground ready now. Not a day should be lost. If the site intended for the orchard is not entirely free

from stagnant water, it must be underdrained. To determine this, dig a hole three feet deep, and if water remains in it, it needs draining. If fall can be got, let the drains be cut four feet deep. Then plow the land deep and well, and if subsoiled all the better. This cultivation of the whole surface will be

If the soil is not rich enough, it is better to manure now than to apply the manure in the hole at the time of planting. This, in fact, should never be done.

planted, cultivate nothing but hoed crops.—The use of the plow and cultivator will keep the soil mellow and moist. The difference in the appearance of trees growing on land that is cultivated during the summer, and on that which is in grass or grain, is most striking—especially in the case of peaches.

It requires no particular skill to raise our ordinary fruits. Every farmer might have them in abundance; but he who hopes to be successful must abandon the idea that fruit will be successful in grain or grass.

